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SUBJECT: ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S ACCOUNT OF EC-9 DELIBERATIONS ON
MID-EAST

REF: BRUSSELS 6275

1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ALON PROVIDED ME WITH FOLLOWING REVIEW
OF EC-9 DISCUSSIONS OF MIDDLE EAST IN BRUSSELS NOVEMBER 5-6.

2. ACCORDING TO ALON, FRENCH AND BRITISH PRESSED DUTCH TO
ABANDON THEIR CALL FOR EC-9 SOLIDARITY ON OIL SUPPLIES. TO INSIST ON
SOLIDARITY, THE FRENCH ARGUED, WOULD LEAD TO BREAKDOWN OF EC-9
UNITY. SOLIDARITY ON OIL, MOREOVER, WOULD LEAD TO ARAB OIL
BOYCOTT OF ALL EC-9. FRENCH ASSURED OTHERS THAT IF DUTCH AS WELL
AS BELGIANS, DANES AND LUXEMBOURGEOIS (ALL OF WHOM SUPPORTED
DUTCH AT MEETING) WOULD ACCEPT PROPOSED DECLARATION ON MIDDLE
EAST, ARABS WOULD ENSURE THAT EUROPE, INCLUDING DUTCH, WOULD NOT
LACK FOR OIL. FRENCH AND BRITISH THUS PREVAILED OVER DUTCH AND THEIR
SUPPORTERS.

3. ITALIANS ARGUED THAT EC-9 SHOULD ADDRESS FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES,
WHICH WERE POLITICAL RATHER THAN OIL PROBLEM, BUT IT WAS NOT CLEAR
WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND. GERMANS REMAINED SILENT THROUGHOUT
THESE DELIBERATIONS.

4. ATMOSPHERE WAS TENSE DURING NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN
FRENCH PROPOSED THAT EC-9 SEIZE OCCASION TO DISSOCIATE THEM-
SELVES FROM US AND ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN POSITION
EMBRACING NEUTRALITY ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUE, BOTH WITH RESPECT
TO SUPER POWERS AND TO ARABS AND ISRAELIS. FRENCH OFFERED TO
LEAD EUROPE IN THIS NEUTRALITY AND LINKED THIS WITH
THEIR PROPOSAL THAT EC-9 ADOPT FRENCH PROPOSITION ON URANIUM
ENRICHMENT. REST OF PARTICIPANTS DEMURRED AND FRENCH BACKED
OFF. FRENCH THEN SUGGESTED THAT EC-9 AGREE TO FIELD EMERGENCY
MILITARY FORCE AS BUFFER BETWEEN TWO SIDES IN MIDDLE EAST. IF
THAT PROPOSAL NOT ACCEPTABLE, THEN EMERGENCY FORCE SHOULD BE
MADE UP OF TROOPS OF FIVE PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.
THESE PROPOSALS ALSO MET WITH GENERAL RESISTANCE.

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5. ACCORDING TO ALON, DECLARATION FINALLY ADOPTED ON MIDDLE
EAST WAS IN SAME FORM IN WHICH IT EMERGED FROM DELIBERATIONS
OF EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT 1:00 AM ON NOVEMBER 6. ALON
COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S ADVISOR ZAYYAT HAD MET WITH
PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AND FONMIN JOBERT IN PARIS NOVEMBER 5. ALON
WAS CONVINCED THAT FINAL EC-9 DECLARATION IS ESSENTIALLY A ZAYYAT-
POMPIDOU-JOBERT DECLARATION.

6. IN REVIEWING DECLARATION, ALON NOTED THAT PARAGRAPH ONE ENDORSES EGYPTIAN POSITION ON PULL-BACK TO CEASE FIRE LINE OF OCTOBER 22 BEFORE PRISONER ISSUE SETTLED, THAT PARAGRAPH THREE DRAWS HEAVILY ON KNOWN SOVIET LANGUAGE, AND THAT LAST SUBPARAGRAPH OF PARAGRAPH THREE INTRODUCES LANGUAGE ON RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS WHICH GOES BEYOND SC RESOLUTION 242.

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ALON IS OBVIOUSLY PARTISAN, I HAVE FOUND HIM ALWAYS VERY WELL INFORMED. I HAVE, IN FACT, NEVER KNOWN HIM TO ERR SERIOUSLY OR TRY TO DECEIVE ME IN CONVEYING SUCH ACCOUNTS. IN THIS CASE, IT CORRESPONDS WELL WITH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM BELGIAN FONMIN SOURCE (REPORTED SEPTTEL). STRAUSZ-HUPE

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